

OCEAN TECHNOLOGY Spin-offs



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Establishment of NIOT

- NIOT was formed on 5th November 1993 to serve as the technical arm of Department of Ocean Development (now MoES), Government of India
- Major aim is to develop reliable indigenous technology to solve the various ocean engineering problems for sustainable ocean resource exploration and exploitation
- Under International Sea Bed Authority (ISBA), India is the pioneer investor to work in Poly-metallic nodule site in Indian Ocean regions and being allocated 150,000 sq km for exploration.



NIOT at IIT campus

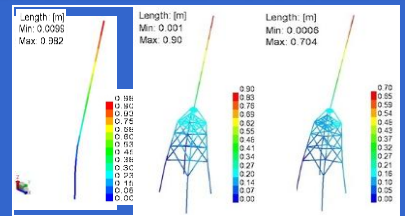


Present campus

NIOT Activities at a glance



Energy and Freshwater



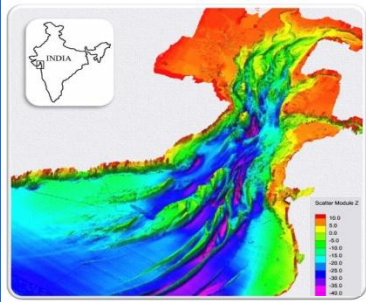
Deep Sea Technology

Offshore Structure



Ocean Observation System

Ocean Acoustics



Coastal & Environmental Engineering



Marine Sensor Systems



Marine Bio Technology

Ocean Electronics



Gas Hydrates



Vessel Management

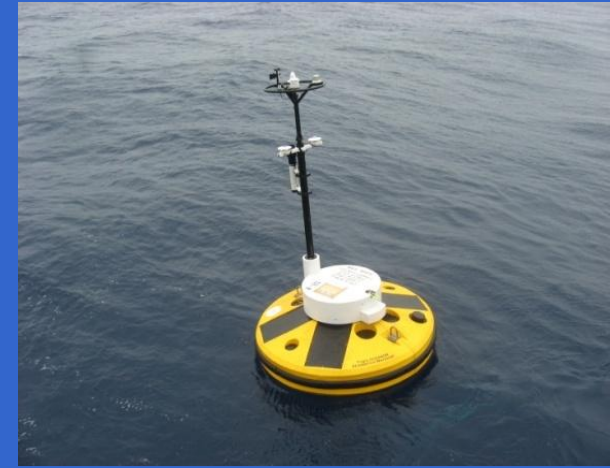
Net worked Ocean Observation System



Locations of system deployment



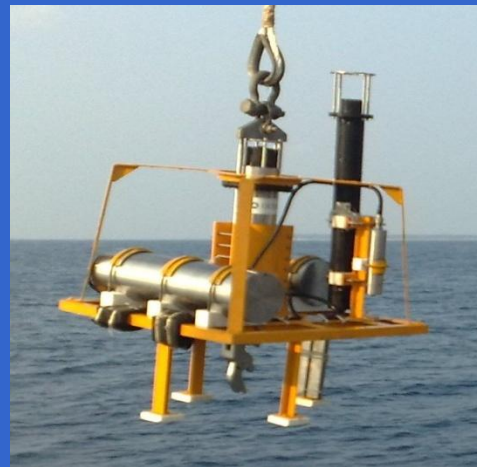
Twin Buoy



Omni Buoy



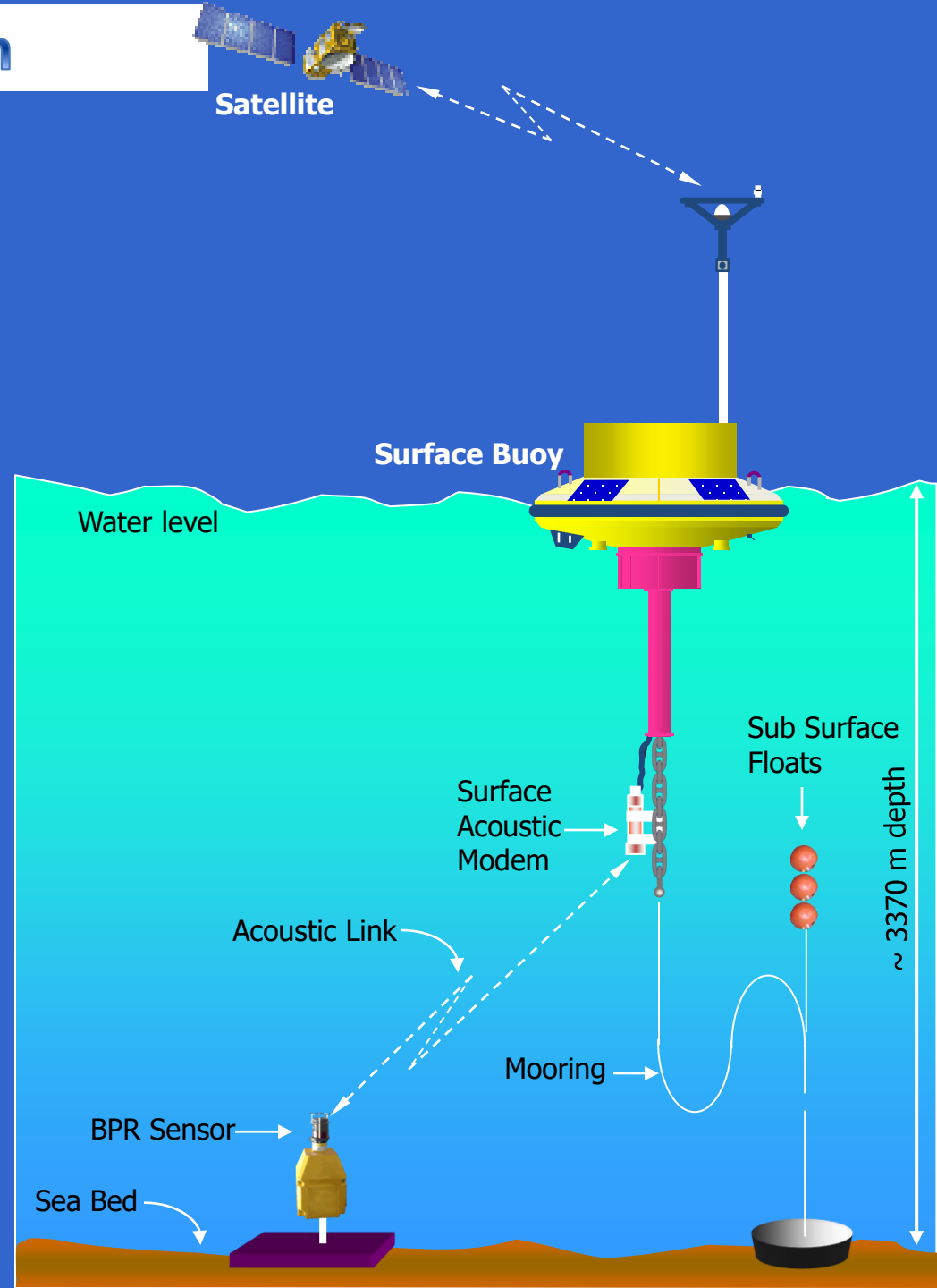
Deep ocean moored Buoy



BPR Electronics and Tsunami Surface buoy



Tsunami Monitoring System



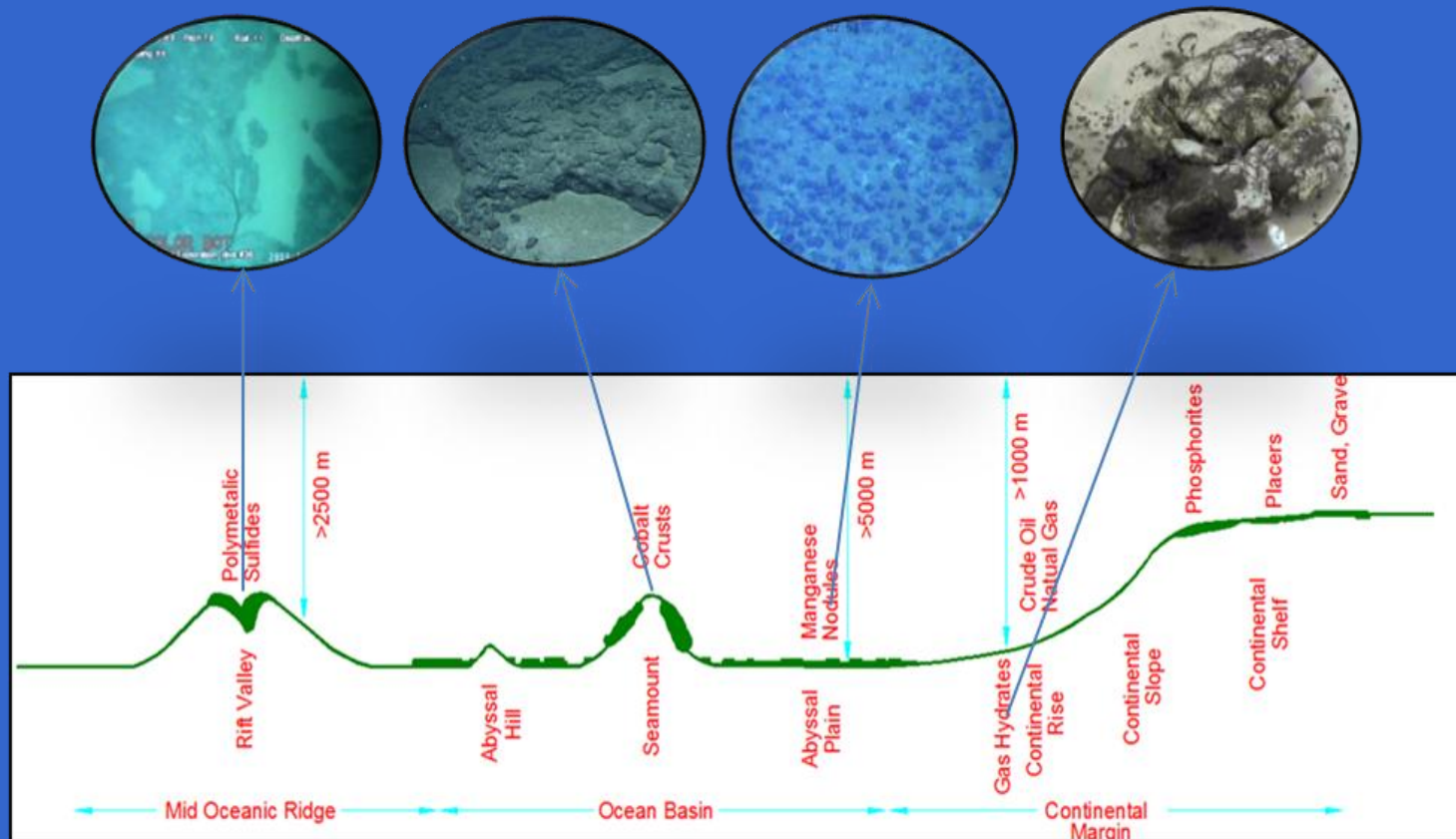


Deep Sea Technologies

Minerals from the Oceans

Ministry of Earth Sciences has been involved in technology development for exploration and harvesting of ocean mineral such as:

- Poly Metallic Nodules ~5500m
- Gas Hydrates in marine sediments > 1000 m
- Hydrothermal Sulphides >2500m



Underwater mining system sea trial



Insitu-soil Tester

- ❑ An Remotely Operable in-situ soil tester capable of operations at 6000m depth
- ❑ Measurement of in-situ properties of soft sea floor possible (<2.5 kPa)

Accuracy - +/- 2% of full scale

Cone stroke - Maximum 6 m

Three cones to cover ranges

- 0.05 to 10 kPa,

- 0.1 to 25 kPa

- 1 to 50 kPa

Rod diameter - 45 mm

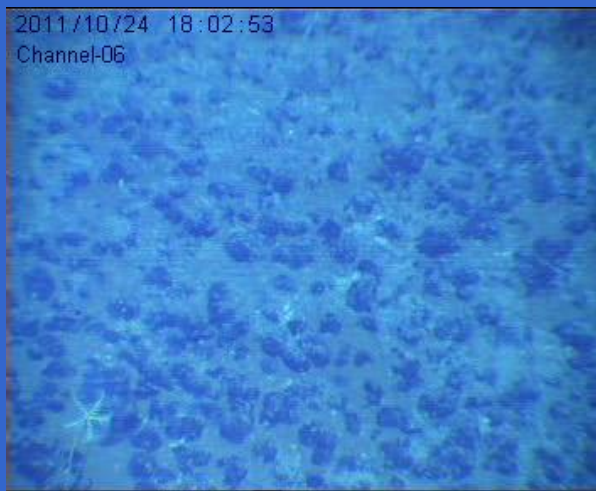
Vane Range -0 to 10 kPa



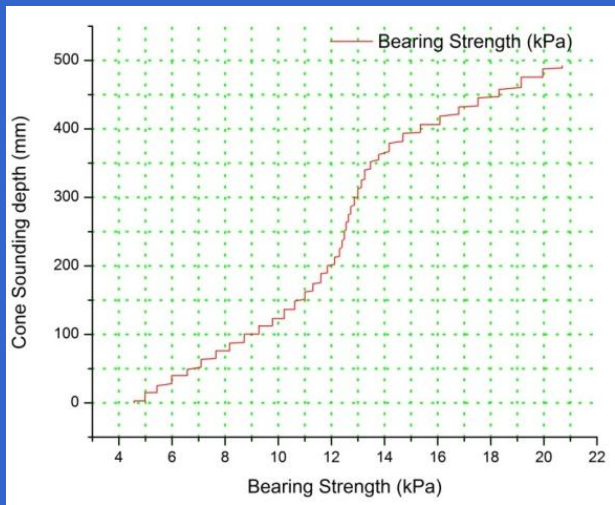
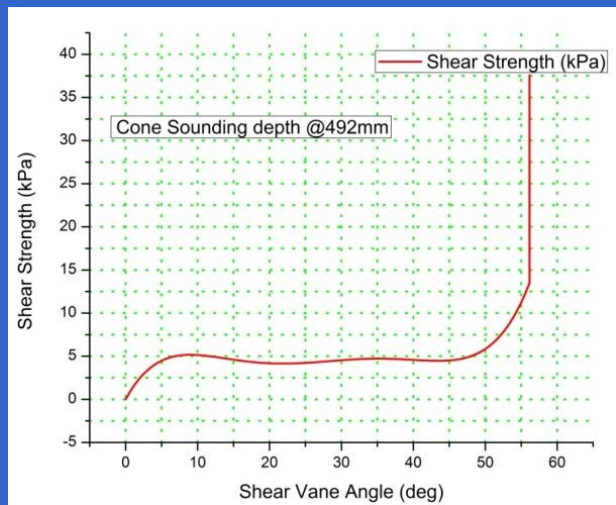
Insitu-soil tester sea trial at Central Indian Ocean Basin



Vane operation on the sea bed

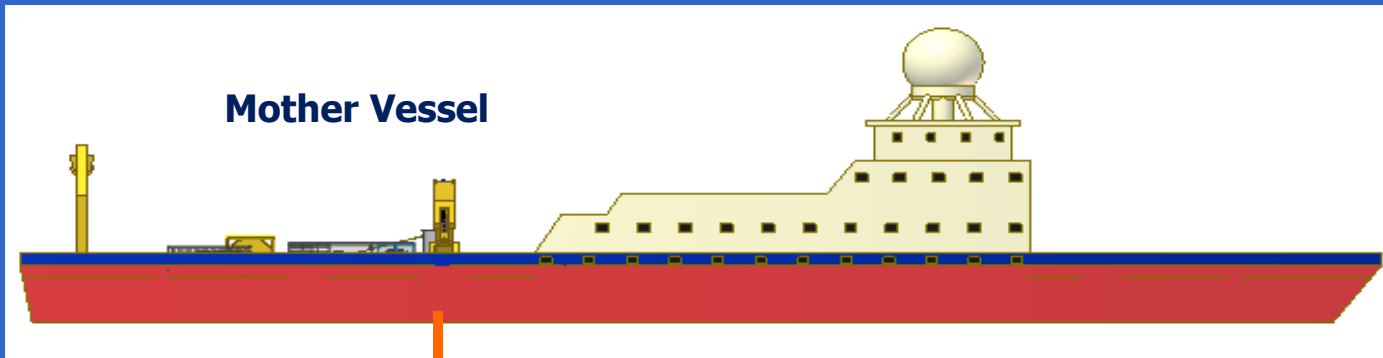


Nodule field at CIOB taken from soil tester



Shear vane and Cone readings of in-situ Soil Tester at CIOB

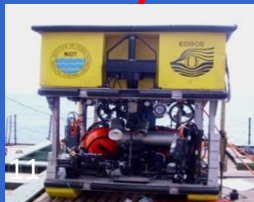
General Schematic of Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROSUB 6000)



Umbilical Cable 7000 m

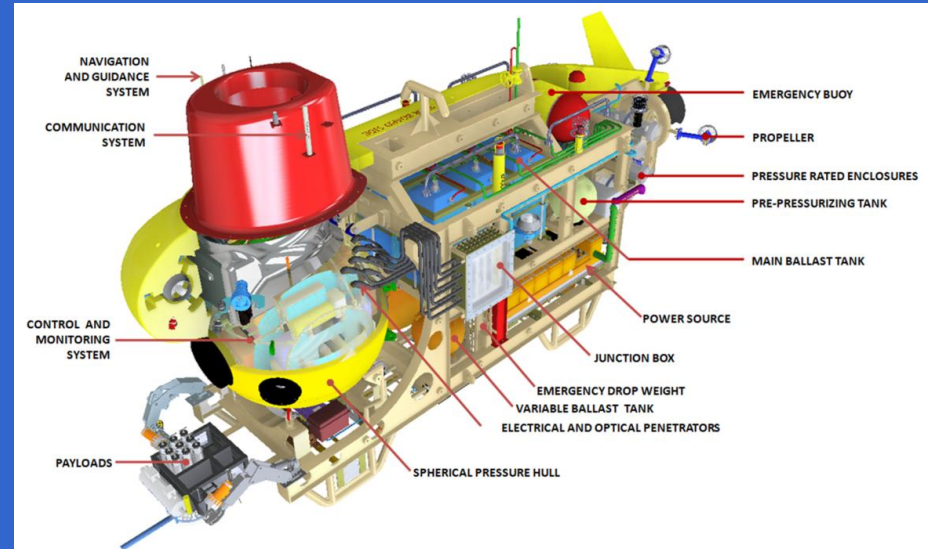
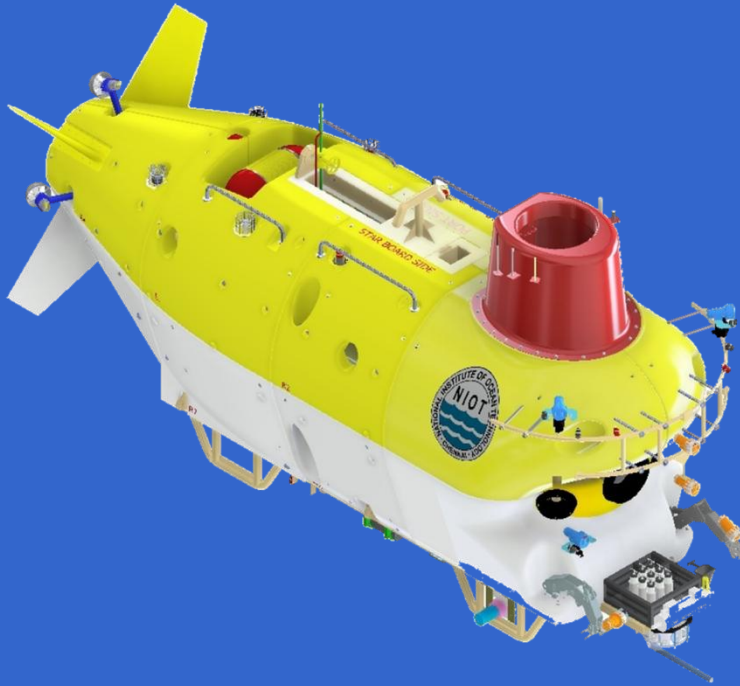


Tether Cable 440 m



1. ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle)
2. TMS (Tether Management System)
3. SHIP SYSTEM
 - a. Storage Winch
 - b. LARS
 - c. HPU (Hydraulic Power Unit)
 - d. Control console
 - e. Power Distribution System

Manned Submersible



Under the Deep Ocean Mission, towards exploration of deep ocean minerals, deep water manned submersible MATSYA 6000 for underwater exploration is being designed and developed. Vehicle shall be deployed for the exploration of deep ocean mineral resources such as poly-metallic manganese nodule, hydrothermal sulphides, cobalt crust, methane hydrates etc.



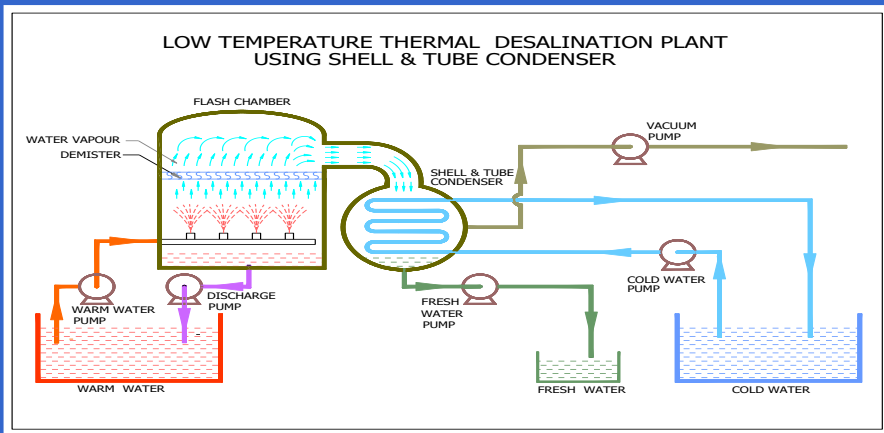
Technology Development – Renewable Energy and Fresh Water from the sea

Low Temperature Thermal Desalination plants for Islands

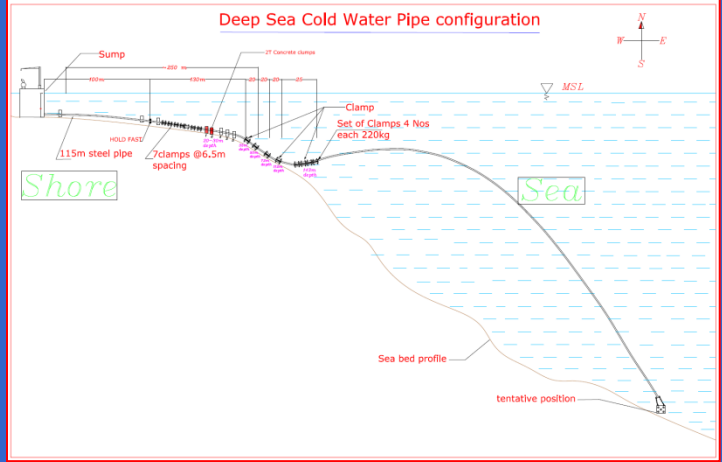
Since 2005 NIOT plants are in operation for island community drinking water by LTTD principle. Three islands are having NIOT commissioned plants and further island based plant development are under progress.



Overall View of the Plant



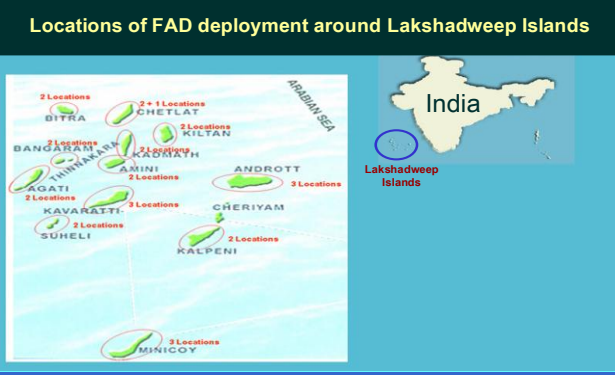
Schematic diagram



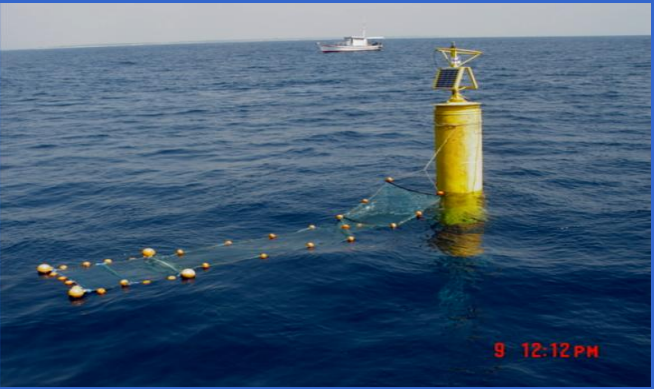


Marine Biotechnology

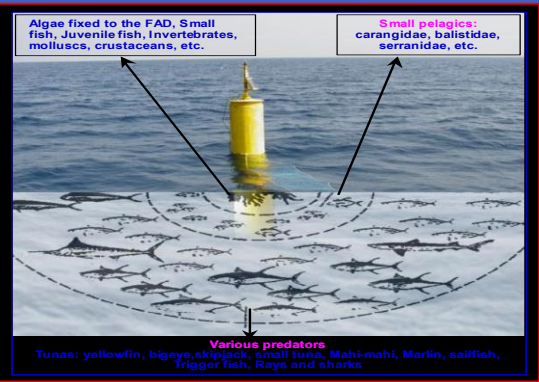
Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD)



FAD location



FAD Deployed



FAD concept

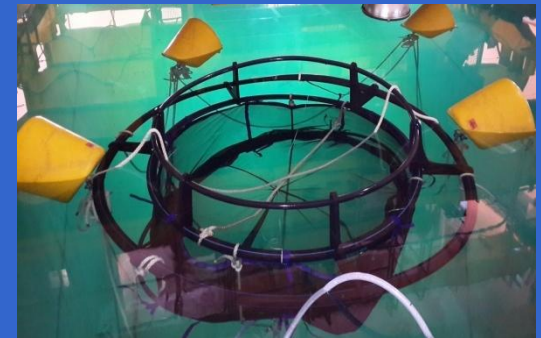


- Deployed 38 oceanic FADs at a depth of 1000 – 1200 m around Lakshadweep (28) and Andaman and Nicobar (10) Islands.
- FADs help in increasing the fish catch and at the same time reducing the operational time and fuel cost
- Increase in the fish landing and fish variety was reported by Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Open Sea Cage Culture



- Developed and tested 9 m Ø circular HDPE cages with multipoint mooring system in diverse sea conditions.
- Pilot scale open sea cage culture was demonstrated with hatchery reared seabass, cobia, pompano and wild caught milkfish, parrotfish, giant trevally.
- An innovative concept of nursery rearing of marine finfish in open sea cages was demonstrated.
- Developed and tested prototype submersible cages.



Vessel Management Cell



CRV Sagar Tara



CRV Sagar Anveshika



Sagar Manjusha



Sagar Nidhi

Acoustic Test Facility

- State of the art facility for calibrating underwater acoustic transducers
- Completely automated Acoustic Calibration System (ACS) for 3–100 kHz range



Hyperbaric Test Facility

- Designed to test pressure up to 90 MPa (900 bar) max






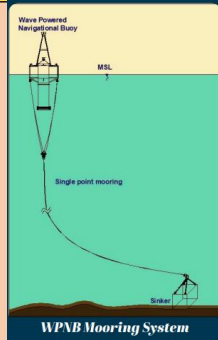


Test pond to test the heavy vehicles functionality





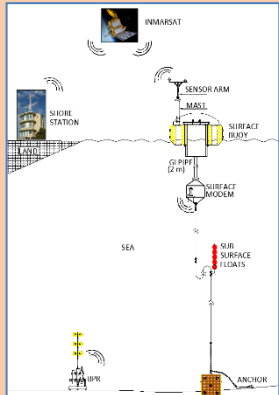


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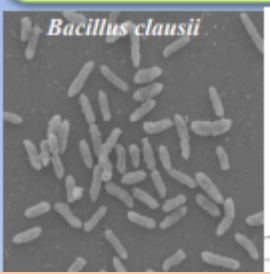
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1	Remotely Operated Vehicle	M/s Laursen & Toubro Limited	Remotely Operated Vehicle is used for offshore surveys conducted to study seabed conditions and marine resources including valuable minerals from the ocean floor and Gas hydrate surveys to identify methane hydrate deposits beneath the seabed.	
2	Robo Coastal Observer	M/s CT Control Technology (India) Pvt Ltd	NIOT has successfully design and developed Robo Coastal Observer (RCO) for real time data measurements of oceanographic and meteorological parameters. RCO is a self-propelled aquatic device that can be used for lake, river, coastal and deep sea surveillance purposes. It can also be used to rescue a person who has fallen overboard.	
3	Wireless Expandable Bathythermograph Conductivity Temperature and Depth Profile	M/s. Azista Industries Pvt. Ltd	A compact ocean profiling system designed to measure conductivity, temperature, and depth parameters in marine environments. The system enables rapid acquisition of vertical ocean profiles for scientific and operational studies. It supports ocean	

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4	Wave Powered Navigational Buoy	M/s Sangir Plastics Pvt Ltd, Gujarat	Power extraction based on the Oscillating Water Column (OWC) principle using wave energy. Currently under operation at Kamarajar Port Ltd, Chennai and oceanographic data and buoy's location are transmitted every hour to port authorities and other users	
5	Multiplex PCR Detection Kit for detecting virulent genes of Enterococcus faecal in water and seafood (MPCR)	M/s Saai Electro Biogenic India Pvt Ltd, Chennai	NIOT-E. faecalis Multiplex PCR master mix for the specified amplification and detection of virulent genes. Positive and negative PCR control mix helps to identify and interpret the virulence range of the pathogen.	
6	Process for the production of Lutein from Marine Microalgae	M/s Vectrogen Biologicals Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	Lutein is a vital macular pigment in the retina of eye and protects the eye from the ionizing effect of blue light. It is essential for protecting the cellular components of the vital organs from oxidative damage.	

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7	Met Ocean Buoy System Type -1	Sh. S Ranganathan, M/s Laursen and Toubro Limited	Met ocean buoy system type - 1 is a floating moored platform consisting of Discus type FRP hull, instrument container, sensor arms, frames, FRP floats and other met sensors. The central processing unit was developed with rapid data collection feature during cyclone.	
8	Met Ocean Buoy System Type -2	Sh. S Ranganathan, M/s Laursen and Toubro Limited	Met Ocean Buoy System Type – 2 is floating platform anchored with Mooring and has the capability to measure Ocean Current, Conductivity and Temperature up to 500 m depth.	

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9	Indian Tsunami Buoy System	Sh. S Ranganathan, M/s Laursen and Toubro Limited	Indian Tsunami Buoy System (ITBS), developed and operated by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), is used for monitoring the water level changes in deep oceans to identify the propagation of a tsunami wave.	
10	Autonomous underwater profiling drifter for 2000m of water depth (AUPD)	Sh. S Ranganathan, M/s Laursen and Toubro Limited	An autonomous underwater profiling drifter capable of collecting oceanographic data up to 2000 m depth. The system periodically profiles water column parameters and transmits the data for analysis. It is useful for long-term ocean monitoring and marine environmental studies.	
11	Drifter Buoy System with INSAT Communication	M/s. Norinco Private Limited	An autonomous ocean drifting platform integrated with INSAT communication for real-time transmission of oceanographic data. The system supports long-duration monitoring of surface currents, sea state, and environmental parameters. It enhances ocean observation	

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26	Saline Water Lantern	M/s Livelihood Alternative Private Limited	<p>NIOT) has developed saline water lantern - Renewable Ocean System for Harnessing Novel Illumination (ROSHNI). The lantern uses the process of ionization to produce electrical energy when saline water reacts with magnesium alloy.</p>	
31	C-Phycocyanin from Marine Spirulina	M/s Varre Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	<p>C-phycocyanin inhibits lipid peroxidation, imparts anti-inflammatory activity, improves the immune system weakened by the toxicity of medicines, has proven hepatoprotective effect. C-PC is used in food coloring, cosmetics, and biomedical research.</p>	

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12	Recombinant Ectoine from Deep Sea Bacteria for skin care and Cosmetic application	M/s Varre Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Ectoine is used as an active ingredient in skin care and sun protection products. It stabilizes proteins and other cellular structures and protects the skin from stresses like UV irradiation and dryness.	 <p data-bbox="1638 174 1908 445">A microscopic image showing numerous rod-shaped bacteria, identified as <i>Bacillus clausii</i>, against a dark background. The bacteria are scattered and appear as light-colored, elongated structures.</p>

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